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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Charles E. Allen
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Narcotics

SUBJECT: National Drug Enforcement Policy Board Meeting
20 September 1985

REFERENCE: ER 85-1371/5, Same Subject

1. Subsequent to the Attorney General's 9 September letter (Tab A), there have been some additions to the agenda for the Policy Board meeting, and the presentation concerning the 7th US Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders has been deleted. I understand that the Vice President may also attend the Policy Board meeting to discuss the status of the National Narcotics Border Interdiction System (NNBIS) and its current initiatives. If so, additional agenda items may be deleted.

2. Relevant information pertaining to each issue on the current agenda is attached (Tab B) for your background. Since Intelligence Community equities are likely to be involved in the Policy Board's consideration of the FY-87 budget review process, OGC has also reviewed this issue, and I have incorporated its views in the background material on the agenda.


Charles E. Allen

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
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9 September 1985

Dear Bill:

The next meeting of the National Drug Enforcement Policy Board has been scheduled for Friday, September 20, 1985, at 10 a.m., in the Roosevelt Room at the White House. The agenda will include presentations on the 7th U.N. Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders and the Bonn economic summit follow-up meeting to be held in New York at the end of September. We will also discuss the FY-87 budget review process. Please notify Staff Director Patrick Tarr (633-3435) of additional agenda items.

Enclosed are the minutes from the last Policy Board meeting. As discussed, please initial one copy and return to me in care of the Policy Board Staff Office located in Room 6649, Main Justice Building.

I look forward to seeing you on September 20.

Sincerely,



Edwin Meese III

Enclosure

The Honorable William J. Casey
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MINUTES OF MEETING

NATIONAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT POLICY BOARD August 7, 1985

The National Drug Enforcement Policy Board (NDEPB) held its second meeting on August 7, 1985, at 2:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House.

Attorney General Edwin Meese opened the meeting and asked John Lawn, Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, to provide a status report on the domestic cannabis eradication program. Mr. Lawn summarized the results of the intensive three-day effort by over 250 state and local agencies as well as the Departments of Justice, Interior, and Agriculture. Only manual eradication methods were employed to destroy over 223,000 cannabis plants during the first 2½ days of the effort. Dr. Turner noted that since 1979 the public's mood has changed to embrace the eradication efforts. The enforcement commitment by all levels of government has increased the credibility of marijuana prevention programs. Mr. Meese requested that the Office of Management and Budget reconsider \$7.1 million for the Forest Service's programs in 1986 related to these efforts.

The Attorney General hailed the money laundering bill, recently proposed by the Departments of Justice and Treasury, as an important remedy to criminal activity. He noted that this bill is being copied by other countries.

Mr. Lawn reviewed the Administration's decision to submit legislation that would address the illegitimate manufacture and distribution of synthetic analogs of controlled substances. The Attorney General noted that the Policy Board had agreed to review the current trend in the production of synthetic analogs to controlled substances; legislation has been proposed that will enable DEA to address this problem.

Deputy Attorney General D. Lowell Jensen informed the Board that over \$100 million for drug and crime control programs has been passed by Congress in the 1985 supplemental. Secretary Dole noted that the Coast Guard would be purchasing a C-130, an aerostat, and other equipment.

The Attorney General introduced Dr. Patrick Tarr as the Executive Secretary of the Policy Board, and Dr. Tarr described the size and composition of the interagency staff, and the likelihood of increasing need for full-time participation.

The Attorney General provided each member of the Board a copy of the Interim Report to Congress. He also noted that a report reflecting the accomplishments of drug law enforcement was due in January. Secretary Dole requested that the report also specify tasks and goals for various agencies. For example, definition of roles for the Coast Guard, Customs, and the Navy

was needed to improve coordination. This matter was referred to the Coordinating Group for the development of plans of action.

The Deputy Attorney General presented the recommendation of the Coordinating Group related to the issue of drug seizure statistics. The proposed system would eliminate double-counting of Federal drug seizures, require only modest modification of the agencies' existing data processing systems, and cost about \$600,000 for implementation and \$340,000 for annual operation. All agencies are able to absorb these costs within current budget. The Attorney General asked that the Policy Board adopt the Coordinating Group's recommendation, and it was accepted unanimously. It was also agreed that written acknowledgment of Board decisions would be made by signing and returning a copy of the minutes.

The Director of Central Intelligence introduced Charles Allen, Narcotics Intelligence Officer, who presented an overview of international drug production and trafficking. The briefing included sections on crop production, drug processing and trafficking, drug related political instability, and CIA initiatives. Mr. Lawn then outlined current abuse patterns and availability within the United States. He stressed the importance of a balance between supply and demand reduction strategies. Finally he presented an initiative planned by DEA in cooperation with other agencies.

The Attorney General noted that two international conferences -- the U.N. Conference at the end of August and the Bonn Conference at the end of September -- would provide opportunities for the United States Government to continue international drug control efforts.

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The Attorney General informed the Board that the Policy Board Staff was examining two issues -- drug crisis management and domestic cannabis eradication. He noted that the Board was expected to review drug enforcement budgets for fiscal year 1987 and provide the President with recommendations. This issue is to be put on next month's agenda. Other items or issues should be sent to Mr. Tarr.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

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